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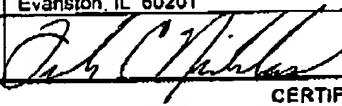
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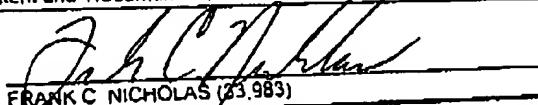
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RABINDRANATH DUTTA, ET. AL.)	Examiner: EHICHOYA, F.
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Filed: AUGUST 9, 2001)	Group Art Unit: 2171
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT
TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 2, 2004

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to a non-final Office Action dated January 2, 2004.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The present amendment replies to a non-final Office Action dated January 2, 2004. Claims 1-27 are currently pending in the present application. In the Office Action, Examiner Ehichioya rejected pending claims 1 – 27 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Hinkle, United States Patent 6,190,313B1.

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the present application under 37 CFR §1.112.